

Low Sweet Blueberry *Vaccinium angustifolium*

Habitat: Dry woodland areas

Blooms: White flowers bloom from May to June

Seeds: Blue berries ripen in mid to late summer.

Threats:

- Closed canopies
- The use of insecticides in some areas has reduced wild bee populations which are important for the pollination of low sweet blueberries.



Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Well adapted to fire. Fire removes above ground vegetation and post-fire growth is vigorous. Plants are sterile one year after a burn but flower profusely in the second year. Plants are most severely harmed by hot summer burns. The most effective time to burn is in late fall.
- Open closed canopies; but allow for plants to grow for a few years before reintroducing fire to the area. Shade tolerant low sweet blueberries are less fire tolerant.
- Limit the use of insecticides that affect wild bees.